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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 14 July 1959

Personnel Present - Col. Burke

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Mr. Parangosky

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[Redacted]

Mr. Reber

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Col. Geary

1. FINAL BUDGET MEETING - Based on the need to forward the DPD Budget to the Agency Comptroller as soon as possible, a meeting will be held 15 July at 1300 hours. All Branch Chiefs are expected to be there prepared to go into any detail necessary to justify Budget requests. Together with Finance Staff, the Branches will thus be able to provide Col. Burke with justification. As soon thereafter as possible, a meeting will be held with Mr. Bissell on the same subject.

ACTION: All Branches

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3. J-75 ENGINE - As of this date, approximately 230 hours have been used in testing two J-75 engines. A third aircraft with a third engine began flight testing 14 July. Col. Burke raised the question as to whether the deployment schedule could be met at the present rate of activity. Can we complete 400 hours on the three aircraft by target date, 15 August 1959?

In addition, it was pointed out that we do not as yet know all the problems connected with the J-75 modification nor do we have the fuel curves. It was determined that [Redacted] until 17 July, should be diverted to Edwards to look into any problem areas, with the objective of getting the J-75 operational at the earliest date which now appears to be approximately 1 September, instead of mid-August as planned.

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ACTION: Operations and Development Branches

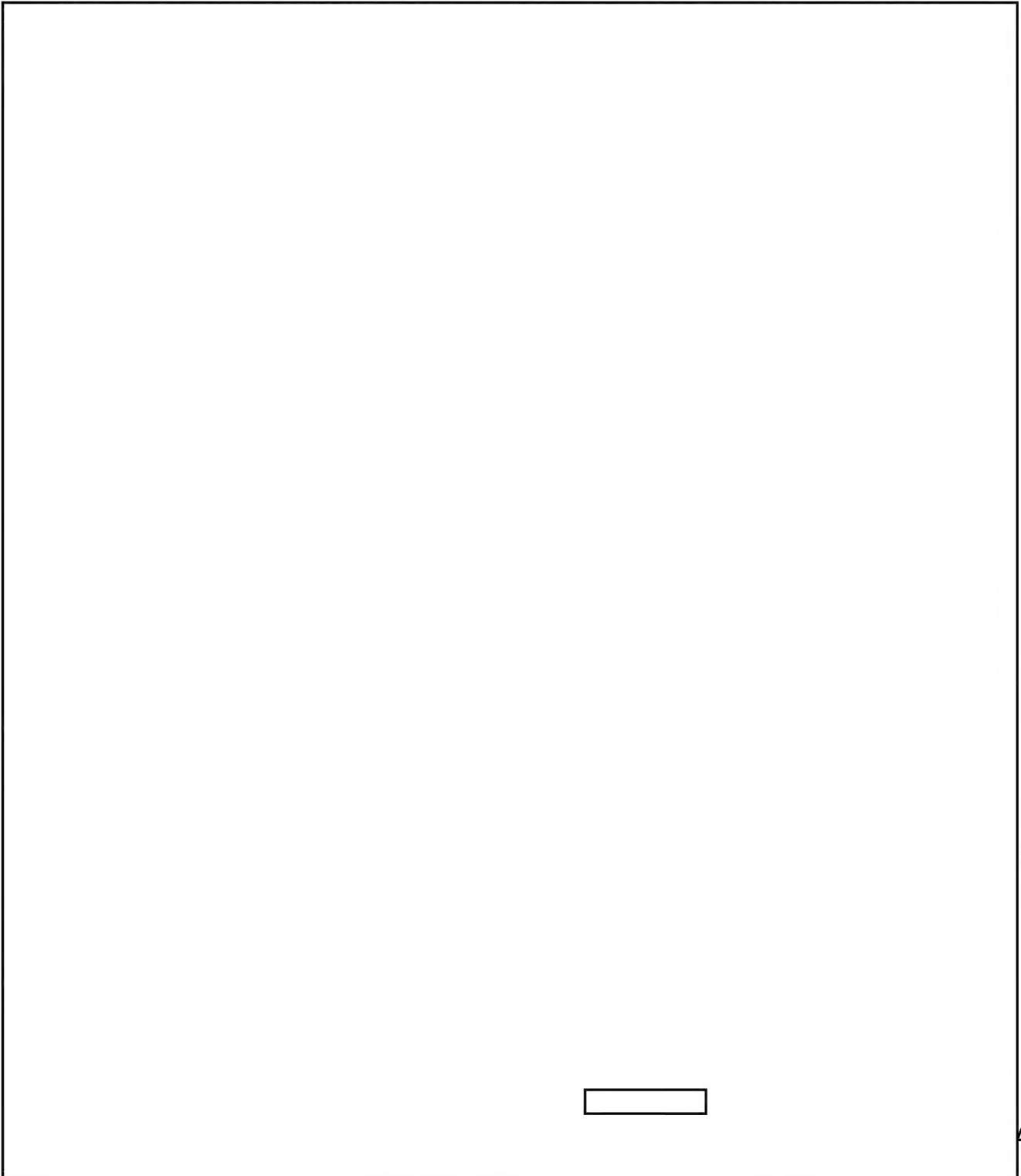
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NRO review(s) completed.

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4. DUAL OXYGEN SYSTEM - A cable has been sent to Edwards asking for weekly progress reports. A decision was made at the Staff Meeting to transfer responsibility for follow-up on the system from Development Branch to Operations. [] will be the Case Officer for the program. Ultimately the responsible office will depend upon the state of development of the equipment.

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8. CORONA - ARGON STATUS - [] reported on his attendance at the follow-up meeting called this week on the west coast to reaffirm a proposal to conduct Flight VI on "medium risk" basis using RJ-1 fuel and with some weight reduction in the system. At the meeting, LAC indicated 90% plus confidence factor for Flight VI, assuming altitude of 120 miles, eccentricity of 5% (confirmed at a later meeting between BMD, LAC and STL), use of RJ-1 fuel (expected weight reduction 60 pounds), a 170° azimuth (20 pounds reduction), and a reduction in weight by trimming equipment (63 pounds). Total reduction is 143 pounds. For details of this meeting, see Memorandum number COR-0546, dated 13 July 1959. [] reported that since the meeting another reduction of 10 pounds has been achieved.

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In the opinion of [] the effectiveness of the meeting was minimized by two factors:

A. There were too many people at the meeting (total--30) and

B. Clear-cut agreements were not reached due to the number attending. Actual agreements reached were learned by [] later.

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Col. Burke stated that he sees no way to exercise technical management of the CORONA program unless a DPD officer charged with such responsibility is accepted both by the prime contractor and others as the person to run the progress and policy meetings. He strongly advised that we give ARPA full management unless the contractors and Government agencies are agreeable to accepting the above condition. Col. Burke will ask Mr. Bissell to convey this feeling to Col. Evans and Mr. Hawkins.

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Mr. Parangosky reported that requirements for ARGON will be discussed at a meeting soon which will be followed by the awarding of contracts. Liaison with ARPA on ARGON is progressing smoothly. Effective 13 July, [] was detailed to ARPA. He now occupies a post in the Technical Operations Division, Office of the Assistant for Special Projects.

9. GUSTO STATUS - On 14 July, Mr. Bissell and others are making a presentation to Dr. Killian, Mr. Kistiakowsky and the Land Committee outlining the merits of the GUSTO aircraft. It is expected that a decision will be made sometime 14 July. At a previous meeting between CIA and the Air Force, it was agreed that the Kelly Johnson proposal sounded best and would be supported in the meeting with Dr. Killian.

10. OTHER ITEMS -

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C. Col. Geary reported that eight J-75 engines have been delivered, the ninth will not be available until January 1960 with one each three or four weeks after that to total of twelve engines. As a result of this new schedule, revisions should be made in previous planning.

ACTION: Operations and Materiel Branches

D. Col. Geary also indicated an answer to Col. Burke's query that the replacement for the Director of Operations at Detachment B [] should be named this week. [] is expected to leave at the beginning of August with Col. Beerli.

ACTION: Personnel Section



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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

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